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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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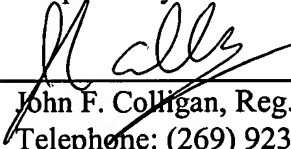
REMARKS

This is in response to the outstanding Office Actions dated June 30, 2004 and September 14, 2004. Thank you for taking the time to speak with me regarding these Office Actions and the response. The Examiner states that Applicants' Response dated July 30, 2004 was not fully responsive and that Applicants are required to make a further election as to the species disclosed in the application. The Examiner now requires Applicants to elect one of different species of the refrigeration system shown in Figs. 4 & 8, Fig. 5, Fig. 6, and Fig. 7 and one of the different species of how the refrigeration system is used shown in Figs. 1-2, Figs. 9-12, Figs. 13-16, Fig. 17, Fig. 18, Fig. 21-22, and Figs. 23-24.

Per our conversation and your recommendation, Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's restriction requirement. The invention generally disclosed in the present application is a refrigeration system for a vehicle. Applicants' patent application identifies several different arrangements of the primary and secondary cooling circuits, various controls, uses, and configurations for operating the system that Applicants may desire to incorporate in their invention, without limitation to the generally disclosed invention. Applicants are trying to protect the inventive concept of the invention, namely a refrigeration system for a vehicle, without bearing the cost burden of having to protect every individual conceivable cooling circuit, control, use, and configuration one could create. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection and respectfully request reconsideration.

Applicants provisionally elect Figs 4 & 8 for the species of the refrigeration system and Figs. 1-2 for the species of how the refrigeration system is used, with traverse. Applicants have respectfully deferred cancellation of all remaining drawing figures pending consideration of Applicants' request for reconsideration of the restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,



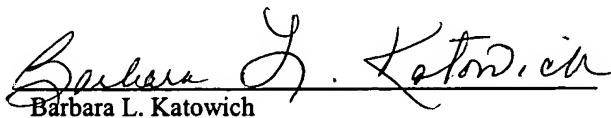
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